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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SPACE AGENCY INTEREST IN TRACKING
STATION IN MICRONESIA

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1. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, HICOMTERPACIS IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT
IN STATING NEED FOR GOJ FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMEMBASSY TOKYO,
AND USG COORDINATION OF MATTERS PERTAINING TO TTPI.
EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE OF VISIT OF NASDA PERSONNEL TO TTPI,
ALTHOUGH IT USUALLY IS KEPT VERY WELL INFORMED ON
MATTERS SUCH AS ONE DESCRIBED.

2. WHEN EMBASSY INFORMED NASDA, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AGENCY, AND GAIMUSHO OFFICIALS OF SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL, ALL
SHOWED SURPRISE (AND SOME CONSTERNATION) AND DISCLAIMED
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT OF NASDA ENGINEERS TO TTPI. THEY
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AGREED TO LOOK INTO MATTER IMMEDIATELY AND A FEW HOURS
LATER CAME TO EMBASSY TO EXPRESS APOLOGIES FOR SLIP-UP.
APPARENTLY NASDA ENGINEERS TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO
VISIT KOBAYASHI OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION, WHO TOLD
THEM THAT SINCE SURVEY OF POTENTIAL TRACKING STATION SITES
WAS PRELIMINARY AND DID NOT CONSTITUTE FUTURE COMMITMENT
ON PART OF GOJ, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO COORDINATE MATTER

WITH US OR JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS, AND THAT IT WAS "VERY EASY" TO ENTER TTPI. STA OFFICIAL ADDED THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PLAN TO INSTALL TRACKING STATION IN CAROLINES, AND ENGINEERS WERE COLLECTING DATA TO BE USED IN DEVELOPING A PLAN--WHICH COULD INCLUDE OTHER AREAS AS WELL--FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY GOJ.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT EXERCISE WAS USEFUL IN CALLING ATTENTION OF GOJ AGAIN TO NEED FOR COORDINATION AMONG PARTIES FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING TTPI AND APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE ACTION OF HICOMTERPACIS IN INFORMING US.
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